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DELIVER IN A SEALED ENVELOPE

TOHAK 112

DECEMBER 17, 1973

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT

TO: HENRY A. KISSINGER

STAFF MEETING THIS MORNING CONCENTRATED ON ENERGY AND WATERGATE. THE ENERGY DISCUSSION FOCUSED ON THE EMERGENCY ENERGY ACT NOW IN CONFERENCE, APPARENTLY WITH A CHRISTMAS TREE OF BAD AMENDMENTS. THE ISSUE IS WHETHER OR NOT IT CAN BE CLEANED UP SUFFICIENTLY IN CONFERENCE THAT THE PRESIDENT CAN AVOID HAVING TO VETO IT. THE JUDGMENT NOW IS THAT WE COULD GET BY WITHOUT THE AUTHORITIES IN THE BILL IN ANY CASE. THE WATERGATE DISCUSSION WAS ON THE ISSUE OF THE PRESIDENTIAL DISCLOSURE "WHITE PAPERS." MOST OF THE ATTENTION WAS DEVOTED TO THE MANNER AND AMOUNT OF DISCLOSURE OF THE INFORMATION ON THE TAPES WHICH HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO JUDGE SIRICA. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF OPTIONS, EACH ONE WITH ITS OWN DEVOTEES, AND NO SINGLE OPTION IS RISK-FREE. THERE WAS NO CONSENSUS REACHED IN THE MEETING.

HAVE TAKEN ACTION ON HAK TO #56.

SCHLESINGER IS VERY UPSET ABOUT THE ATTACK ON THE JCRC HELICOPTER AND WOULD LIKE TO MAKE SOME SORT OF VERY TOUGH RESPONSE. THERE ARE AS YET NO SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS, BUT HE SPOKE INFORMALLY TO ME ABOUT SUCH THINGS AS ARMED ESCORT OF FUTURE FLIGHTS, SOME SORT OF RAID INTO THE KHE SANH AREA, OR DRONE FLIGHTS OVER NORTH VIETNAM. WILL KEEP YOU POSTED.

NEW YORK TIMES TODAY HAS THREE PICTURES OF YOU ON THE FRONT BILL SAFARE HAS AN ARTICLE CALLED "THE DETENTE FIRSTERS" IN WHICH HE DISCUSSES TWO MORAL QUESTIONS OF FOREIGN POLICY:

(1) JEWISH EMIGRATION FROM THE SOVIET UNION AND (2) U.S. SUPPORT OF ISRAEL AND THE OIL EMBARGO. ON THESE ISSUES HE CONCLUDES THAT DETENTE, WHICH HE EQUATES WITH FORGETTING THE EMIGRATION ISSUE AND SUPPORTING THE ARABS, IS AN AMORAL

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FOREIGN POLICY AND THE OPPOSITE POSITIONS NATURALLY ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE NIXON DOCTRINE AND CONSTITUTE A MORAL POLICY. HE CONCLUDES BY SAYING THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS TURNED HIS FOREIGN POLICY OVER TO THE NUMBER ONE "DETENTE FIRSTER" OR, IN OTHER WORDS, TO AN AMORAL POSITION. THERE IS ANOTHER ARTICLE ON THE EDITORIAL PAGE BY VENIAMAN LEVICH, A HIGH-RANKING SOVIET ACADEMICIAN TRYING TO EMIGRATE FROM THE USSR TO ISRAEL, ARGUING STRONGLY FOR U.S. INTERVENTION AGAINST SOVIET EMIGRATION POLICY.

WARM REGARDS.

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